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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PROP, EG, UR, US

SUBJECT: APPARENT DISINFORMATION EFFORT IN EGYPT AGAINST US

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REF: (A) CAIRO 3079 AND 3080 (B) STATE 38414 (TOSEC 20134)

1. WITH SURFACING OF STORY BY ROSE AL YUSUF, DEPARTMENT
AGREES -- SUBJECT TO COMMENT FROM SECRETARY'S PARTY -- THAT
EMBASSY SHOULD ISSUE A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS ON THE
SUBJECT.

2. WE NOTE THAT ROSE AL YUSUF'S STORY APPARENTLY MAKES NO REFERENCE TO AN ALLEGED USIS/ATHENS PRESS RELEASE NOR DOES IT NAME THE TEXT OF A "SPEECH" ALLEGEDLY MADE BY YEO BEFORE DETROIT ECONOMIC CLUB. STORY APPARENTLY DID NOT CLAIM THAT YEO HAD ACCOMPANIED SIMON ON LATTER'S TRIP TO EGYPT. WE BELIEVE THESE POINTS, THEREFORE, SHOULD NOT BE RAISED IN PRESS STATEMENT VOLUNTEERED BY EMBASSY ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. WE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY ISSUE STATEMENT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: BEGIN QUOTE: AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE LOCAL PRESS HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY PURPORTING TO BE A REPORT OF A DISCUSSION IN DETROIT ON MARCH 24, 1976 CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN EGYPT. THE REPORT FURTHER ALLEGES THAT MR. EDWIN YEO, WHO WAS AN UNDER SECRETARY OF

TREASURY, REPRESENTED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN THIS DISCUSSION.

IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE REPORT IN QUESTION IN THE LOCAL PRESS PURPORTING TO QUOTE MR. YEO IS WITHOUT FACTUAL BASIS. MR. YEO WAS NOT IN DETROIT ON MARCH 24, 1976. HE DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN A DISCUSSION CONCERNING EGYPT ON THAT DATE.

WE REGRET THAT SUCH A STORY, WHICH HAS NO FOUNDATION IN FACT, HAS BEEN REPORTED. IT IS EVIDENT THAT THIS STORY IS A FRAUD. END QUOTE.

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4. IF EMBASSY IS QUERIED ON DETAILS NOT INCLUDED IN ROSE AL YUSUF'S STORY, YOU COULD EXPLICITLY DENY THAT USIS/ATHENS HAS EVER ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE ON THIS SUBJECT. SIMILARLY, IF ASKED, YOU COULD AFFIRM THAT YEO HAS NEVER MADE A SPEECH ON "THE U.S. INVESTMENT AND EGYPTIAN ECONOMY" TO DETROIT ECONOMIC CLUB, OR ANY SPEECH ON EGYPT TO ANY GROUP. YOU COULD FURTHER DENY, IF ASKED, THAT YEO ACCOMPANIED FORMER SECRETARY SIMON ON LATTER'S VISIT TO EGYPT, AND ADD THAT YEO HAS NEVER BEEN IN EGYPT.

5. DEPARTMENT HAS AGAIN BEEN IN TOUCH WITH YEO WHO HAS NO OBJECTION TO AN EMBASSY STATEMENT SUCH AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 3, NOR TO FURTHER RESPONSES BY EMBASSY TO QUESTIONS PER PARA 4.

6. WE ARE INCLINED TO FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO AVOID EXPLICIT REFERENCE, IN A VOLUNTEERED EMBASSY STATEMENT ON ROSE AL YUSUF STORY, EITHER TO PUTATIVE SOURCE OF THIS HOAX OR TO INTENT OF THOSE WHO ARE FLOATING IT. A

FIRM AND STRAIGHTFORWARD DENIAL OF THE FACTS SHOULD, WE
HOPE, HELP PUT THIS CANARD TO REST. (WE AWAIT RECEIPT OF
PHYSICAL DOCUMENT ITSELF FOR STUDY OF ITS POSSIBLE
SOURCE.) WE UNDERSTAND THAT STATEMENT SUGGESTED ABOVE
FALLS SHORT, IN THIS RESPECT, OF WHAT FAHMY HAS SUGGESTED.
WE APPRECIATE THAT AN ARGUMENT COULD BE MADE ON EITHER
SIDE, AND WOULD WELCOME COMMENT FROM SECRETARY'S PARTY.

7. BEGIN FYI. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO ASCERTAIN
WHETHER THERE WAS ANY DISCUSSION ON EGYPT AT DETROIT
ECONOMIC CLUB ON MARCH 24, 1976. END FYI.
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